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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Agriculture Insurance Scheme is being implemented in the States according to the guidelines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in the previous Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme, Central Government has 2/3(66.66%) share in the compensation to be given to the farmers but in the National Agriculture Insurance Scheme, it has been reduced to 50%;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the State Governments have represented to the Union Government in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) is under implementation in 18 States and 2Union Territories at present. NAIS is being implemented by them as per the provisions of the scheme.It is in operation from Rabi 1999-2000, after replacing the erstwhile Comprehensive Crop InsuranceScheme (CCIS).The scope of coverage of NAIS in terms of farmers, crops and risk has been enlarged. Premia-structure has also been rationalized in order to achieve some degree of financial viability of the scheme.

(c)&(d): Yes Sir. In view of the enlargement of the scope of coverage of the scheme and the constraint on the resources of the Government of India, sharing of financial liabilities between Central and State Government is in the ratio of 1:1 under NAIS.

(e)to(g): After the introduction of the new scheme, some States such as Maharashtra, Andhra Pradeshand West Bengal have expressed certain reservations on various issues including the sharing pattern of financial liabilities between the Central and State Governments in the ratio of 1:1 under NAIS.The issues were discussed in the Conference of State Agriculture Ministers held on 14.09.2000 in New Delhi. Thereafter, the matter was examined and a decision has been taken to retain the existing pattern of sharing of financial liabilities between the Central and State Governments in the ratio of 1:1 in view of theenlargement of the scope of coverage of NAIS and the constraint on the resources of the Government of India.